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### Changes Tune

## Johns Seeks Deaf College Post in D.C.

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CSUS President W. Lloyd Johns has confirmed he is actively seeking the presidency of Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C.

The *State Hornet* reported Thursday that Johns had visited the Gallaudet campus and interviewed for the top post at the nation's only four-year liberal arts college for the deaf.

Johns, who originally said it would take "an unusual kind of offer" for him to leave CSUS, later acknowledged the Gallaudet offer is an unusual one.

Officials at Gallaudet refused to disclose the salary paid the president there. However, a spokesman for Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-New York, and chairman of the trustees at Gallaudet said the job is budgeted for a salary range between \$60,000 and \$70,000 annually.

Johns is paid \$70,000 per year here, and he is not likely to move on without a raise, according to Chuck McFadden, university spokesman.

All concerned with the Gallaudet search committee have said the new president's salary is still negotiable.

Two other men are in consideration for the job and a final decision is expected later this month.

Johns has an extensive background in deaf education having taught in a program for teachers of the deaf for nearly 10 years at CSU Northridge.

One of the finalists, Robert Frisina, is senior vice president at New York's Rochester Institute of Technology, a school noted for its deaf education program.

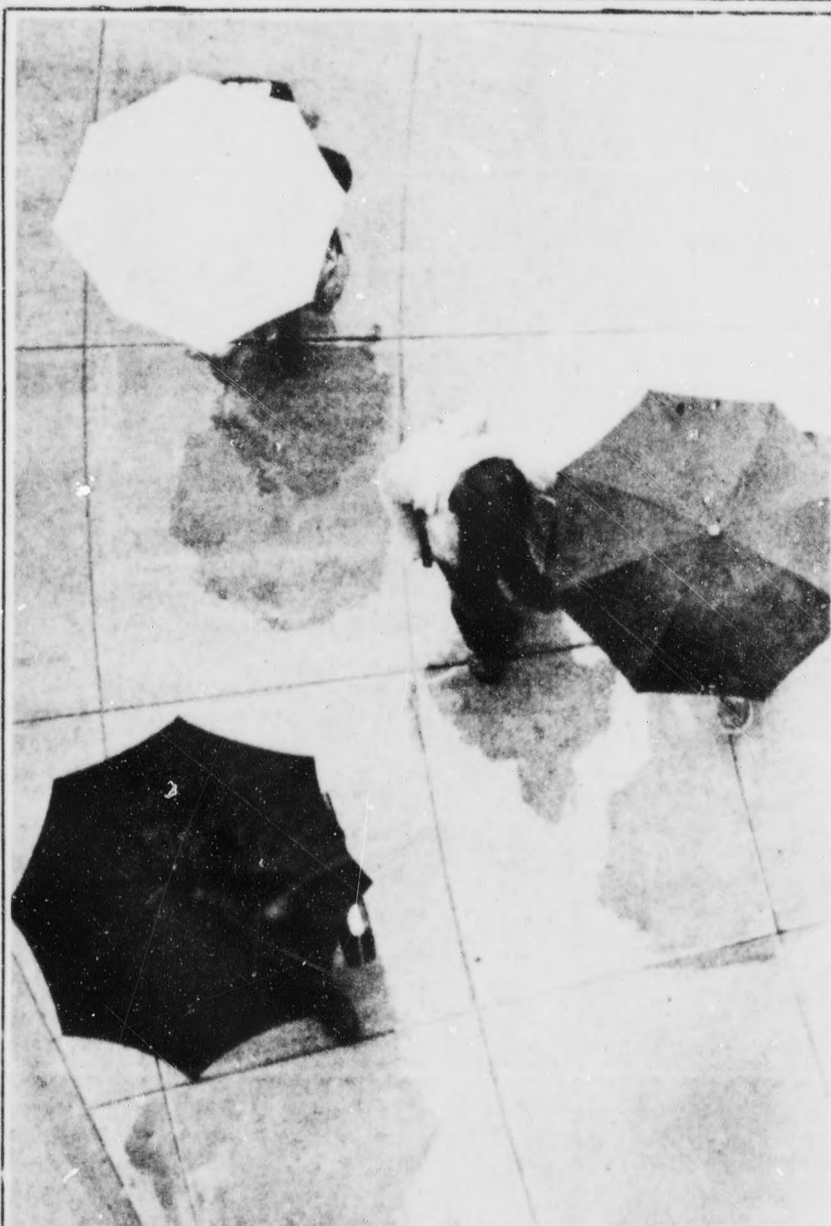
Also being considered is Craig Smith, director of the Freedom of Information Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Since being passed over for the California State University chancellor's job last year Johns has emphasized his desire to remain in Sacramento.

He said, "Not getting that (job) certainly didn't shatter my world, because I enjoy what I'm doing."

Seeking the top post in the 19-campus CSU system, said Johns,

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## View From A Rain Drop

The National Weather Service reported only .6 inches of rain fell on Sacramento yesterday, but rain lovers, take heart: another storm is due.

State Hornet Photo: Larry McKendall

## Accountants: It Costs Money To Make Money On Fee Hike

TERRI HARDY  
Staff Writer

Approximately \$10,000 and many man hours have been spent trying to collect the \$64 surcharge from the more than 17,000 CSUS students that failed to pay the fee at the beginning of the semester.

Printing invoices, postage, staff and computer time has cost the university business office about \$10,000 according to Mernoy Harrison, director of business affairs.

The money taken from the existing budget caused three-and-a-half full-time positions to remain vacant, which means "extra workload and less people," Harrison said.

As of Feb. 24, which officially was the last day to pay the surcharge, about two-thirds of the 17,350 students who owed the fee had paid, said Craig Tappella, accounting services manager.

No precise figures of compliance were available because of the heavy backlog of checks coming into the cashier's office, Harrison said.

For students who have not paid the fee, this delay may mean a reprieve from possible disenrollment.

Because the administration warned that failure to pay would lead to disenrollment and a loss of fees already paid, this backlog will allow students more time to pay.

Harrison said they will continue to accept the \$64 until a list of those who have not paid is actually compiled.

However, officials differ on how long they expect the process will take.

Tappella said it will be sometime this week, but Harrison expected at least two to three weeks preparation time.

"It might even take the entire

semester — it just depends if they paid by Feb. 4 or during the 20-day grace period," Harrison said.

"If I were a student I would pay now instead of lollygagging. I wouldn't take the chance of disenrollment," Harrison said.

Many students decided not to take the chance of disenrollment with long lines forming at the cashier's office last week, and several

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Students queue up at the cashier's office to meet the Thursday deadline on the \$64 surcharge.

State Hornet Photo: Dave Purkey

## Merit Raises Spark Debate Between Arts, Sciences

GIGI FERNANDEZ  
Staff Writer

Recent cuts in the 1983-84 budget proposal may force CSUS to select who among deserving faculty members will win available promotion money and merit salary increases, university officials said.

If CSUS is only able to absorb the partial cost necessary to fund all expected salary advances, the campus will be impelled to establish a discrimination process to determine where the limited resources will go.

While CSUS President W. Lloyd Johns has the final decision on the distribution of funds, many faculty members fear that more importance will be placed on the technical sciences than on the liberal arts. Johns said he will consult

with the Academic Senate for input on this matter.

Robert L. Curry, chairman of the economics department, said discrimination among the various departments is inevitable.

"A horror story is bound to occur and once again in this university, we will stray away from its primary purpose: education," Curry said. Questions will arise as to who will receive the limited funds.

"Who will get the goodies, who warrants them?" Curry asked.

A special committee, appointed by the university, will attempt to answer these questions via department evaluations, CSUS economics Professor Wilma Krebs said. Each department will be assessed on the basis of such criteria as program need, enrol-

ment, student to faculty ratio and demand.

Elizabeth Moulds, chair of the government department, said liberal arts faculty fear that greater importance will be placed on the technical sciences, such as business administration, engineering, and computer science.

"We consider ourselves as valuable to the university as those in the sciences do," Moulds said. "I would hate to see a situation arise that would pit one discipline against the other for need of funds. The liberal arts have been around for thousands of years," she said. "Technology alone can't run a society."

Donald Gillott, dean of engineering and computer science, said the technical schools should be given higher priority than the

liberal arts because their faculty is in demand in industry.

"Many will think this is unfair," Gillott said, "but can a history professor receive a job in industry?"

According to Gillott, the engineering and computer science departments are plagued with continuing faculty recruitment and retention problems due to an inadequate salary scale. These departments, he said, are in need of more promotion money and differential pay.

Without these additional resources, Gillott feels the departments will lose faculty to industry.

"And now that the merit increases are in jeopardy on top of it, you can kiss our faculty good-

bye. They'll seek their opportunities elsewhere."

CSUS maintains a uniform salary structure, which means that all faculty, regardless of their discipline, receive the same salary. The salary scale ranges anywhere from \$23,000 to \$36,000 a year.

Gillott said, "If industry is paying a higher salary for computer scientists and engineers, we're going to have to make academia more attractive with competitive salaries."

As a point of comparison, Gillott said an associate CSUS engineering professor earns \$23,000 a year. In industry, the young Ph.D. can earn an average of \$35,000 to

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## Student Raffles Self To Pay Surcharge

VICTORIA ROSE  
Contributing Writer

One way to raise \$300 for school expenses within seven days: Raffle your skills. But beware: raffles are illegal in California.

Nevertheless, a CSUS senior raffled \$180 worth of her professional house cleaning services this semester in an effort to meet university fee increases she was not prepared to pay.

She earned \$300 by selling 30 tickets at \$10 each. After paying off the \$180 prize, she will have a profit of \$120.

Jenny (not her real name) said "I didn't know if it was legal or not, but I really don't care much. After all, who does it hurt? No one. And times are tough."

"You do what you can to get by," she said. "I want to do it again next semester."

Jenny originally planned to

take a leave of absence this semester. "So over the Christmas holiday I enjoyed myself and didn't save any money to pay student fees," she said. "But, the more I thought



about Deukmejian's \$64 fee increase, I figured he could keep raising fees and I probably couldn't afford to drag it out."

One week before the late regis-

tration date, she found herself without the \$304 required to register. A friend, having read about a Chicago man who raffled his "handyman" services to pay for law school, suggested the drawing.

"I thought it was a great idea," Jenny says. "I got right on the phone and started calling my friends. Within one hour I'd sold 11 tickets. Within 24 hours I'd sold 19. Some of my friends sold tickets to some of their friends and I printed flyers outlining the rules and passed them out to everybody I knew."

Jenny says within a week she had collected over \$200. Combined with money of her own she paid for school then sold the rest of the tickets within the next week or two. "I even had a couple other people who wanted to buy in but I couldn't sell any more tickets because I had promised to set the limit at 30."

The winner was drawn at a dinner Jenny served to the 12 contestants who attended.

"I didn't mind paying for dinner. I wanted to encourage everyone to come for the drawing," she said.

"My concern was not how much profit I could keep but the fact that I needed \$300 on the spur of the moment. Without it, I probably would not have been able to take classes this semester. I guess when you get desperate, you get creative," she said.

According to the California attorney general's office, chances of prosecution are "remote" in cases other than those involving fraud charges.

"It is not profitable to prosecute someone who has public sympathy," according to an attorney general's spokesman.

Churches and school organizations are among the groups that hold raffles most often. Few are ever prosecuted.

NINA SCHELLING  
Staff Writer

The CSU system has lost its representation in Washington, D.C. due to state budget cuts.

The CSU office, established in 1966, monitored all legislation affecting the system.

The CSU office was funded by the state system and auxiliary organizations such as the CSUS Foundation. When the state budget was cut, the cost of maintaining the office fell upon the individual foundations.

The Council of Presidents, an organization of CSU campus presidents, made the decision to stop the funding for the CSU office. A committee was formed within the council to suggest alternative forms of funding to keep the office open.

The council voted down a proposal by CSUS Foundation Executive Director Karl von den Steinen to split the office's operating costs among the four auxiliary organizations on campus: the CSUS Foundation, the Hornet

Foundation, the Associated Students Inc., and the University Union.

Financial aid will be directly affected by the closure of the office. "A great burden on student organizations to be sure the Legislature is versed on the student's position on financial aid" is now created, said von den Steinen.

The availability of federal funding, particularly the Pell Grant, will become a "serious issue," added von den Steinen.

Now that the CSU office is closed, most of the universities will have to depend on "different national organizations" for funding. Scott Plotkin, the assistant director of Governmental Affairs for CSU in Sacramento, said.

Most universities that voted against full funding for the Washington office utilize the services of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

These universities are usually the larger campuses, and the smaller campuses who do not have this service will suffer, added Plotkin.



## Campus Briefs

### Forensics Team Finishes Fifth

The CSUS forensics team, a speech and debate team, took fifth place in the sweepstakes award at the 2nd Annual Steve Collins Invitational Tournament in Modesto Feb. 18 and 19.

Three members of the team placed first in tournament events. Debra Dawson took first in novice extemporaneous speaking, Tanya Houseman took first in novice expository speaking and Harrison Morton took first in negotiations, said Coach Patty Harris.

The forensics team will participate in the upcoming Santa Rosa Junior College Invitational Tournament March 5 and 6.

### Trustees, Regents Plan Joint Meeting

Representatives from both the University of California and California State University systems plan to meet this spring to discuss how to best deal with problems facing them, according to a UC Board of Regents committee in charge of organizing the meeting.

On Jan. 21 the regents approved a tentative agenda for a meeting with the Board of Trustees of the CSU system.

The agenda said the meeting will take place in March, April or May and will be either in San Francisco or Los Angeles.

### Library Acquires Microfilm Copier

The University Library Media Center has recently obtained two Minolta Reader-Printers which allow students to make photocopies of articles on microfilm or microfiche in less time than it usually takes to make a photocopy of lifesize material.

The purchase of the machines was made possible by funds provided by the Hornet Foundation. The total cost of both machines was nearly \$7,300.

Before the machines arrived on campus, photocopies of microfilm or microfiche items were done in the photo-duplicating department of the library, according to Judy Jones, library media services assistant. The turn-around time for copies was 24 to 48 hours.

Although some copies will still

have to be made in the photo-duplicating department at a price of 15 cents each, most copies can be done on the new machines for 10 cents each.

Jones said the response to the machines "has been terrific," adding that with the new machines students who need to make a copy quick can do so without much wait.

### Research Council Plans Conference

The California State University Science Research Instructional Council will hold its annual Student Research Conference on May 5 at CSU Hayward.

State university students from many different majors will present their original research ideas on society and politics in a convention setting.

Students interested in research should submit papers designed to "test hypotheses or develop theory" on social or political subjects.

Submit papers to the chair of the government department, Elizabeth Moulds, or to individual professors so that they can review them and make sure they are pertinent. The deadline is early April.

## Senate Watchdog Group Formed

### Ex-Senator Wants 'Truth And Honesty In ASI Government'

ROBIN BERGMANN  
Staff Writer

In an attempt to make Associated Students Incorporated senators "responsible for their actions," former Arts and Sciences Senator Phil Bergerot has announced the formation of an student senate watchdog group.

The group, tentatively titled Students for Responsible Leadership, has not started monitoring the senate yet, but "we hope to get together some time this week," Bergerot said.

According to Bergerot, at least two group members will attend each senate meeting, keep a record of all proposed legislation and record how individual senators vote on all matters. The group plans to publish a newsletter each month showing legislation that was voted on, a synopsis of the arguments given, and senators' voting records.

Several ASI senators feel the newsletter will not be as successful as Bergerot hopes.

"People who are interested in government will read it but the average 'Joe Blow' on campus won't look twice at it," said Kathy Barnett, Health and Human Services senator.

"I don't think many people will really even care. How many students even vote?" said Don Currier, Health and Human Services senator.

Bergerot said that if the newsletter "is posted in prominent

locations and copies are given throughout the quad, we won't have a huge readership but those who are interested will find it and read it."

Describing the group as "bipartisan," Bergerot said his main goal is to make the student population aware of their senators' actions.

"If you can't represent your constituency, get out," he said.

Bergerot said if senators could be made accountable to the campus for their voting, the overall effect might be a more responsible and mature student government.

Although some senators feel Bergerot's idea is good, several senators said they don't feel the group will help. "The general student populace is too apathetic to make it worthwhile," said Currier.

Bergerot claimed many senators have "no desire to excel." For many, he said, the opportunity to serve in student government provides something to "put on their resume."

Several senators feel there is some truth in Bergerot's statement. But Barnett said Bergerot was "overstepping it a bit." "Let's face it, Phil Bergerot has a lot of resume-building things on his record too," said Currier.

Claiming the group will not be used "to influence senators—just introduce accountability," Bergerot said the Senate's "flippant attitude has got to stop." "It's an important job, whether or not people see it that way," Bergerot said.



Phil Bergerot

Dealing with a budget of more than half a million dollars, Bergerot said, it is important senators are informed of the issues they deal with, a practice he said is not always happening.

"I want truth and honesty in student government," Bergerot said, adding that as senator in a responsible position, ASI government officials should "earn their money."

Bergerot hopes to get most senators involved with the group. He has received word from at least two senators who have agreed to join. "Maybe it's an idea whose time has come," he said.

### Bard Addresses Pesticides Meeting

Carla Bard, former chairperson of the state Water Resources Control Board, delivered the keynote address Saturday at a pesticides conference held on campus. A wide spectrum of chemical concerns and crises in Sacramento and California were discussed. The conference, entitled "Proposals for Survival: Pesticides and Politics in 1983," included speakers Martha Ture, executive director of the Coordinating Council on Pesticides, and Sacramento

Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly. Among the issues discussed was the use of herbicide Bolero on Sacramento-area rice fields. In spring 1981 and 1982, when the herbicide was used to kill weed, Bolero may have caused a large fish kill near Colusa (north of Sacramento) and contributed to a foul taste in our tap water.

Carla Bard of the state Water Resources Control Board.



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## Promotion Grievance Hits Nursing

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A nursing lecturer has charged she was denied a tenure track position in the CSUS Division of Nursing for last spring partly because some colleagues were jealous of her Ph.D.

Nancy Walsma, a teacher at CSUS since 1978 who possesses the nursing division's only doctorate, charged in a grievance filed last November that the nursing search committee kept her from getting the job last spring by manipulating the hiring process and downplaying her qualifications.

University officials maintain changes made during the selection process did not affect the outcome, where Walsma finished behind two other candidates.

Final arguments in the case were recently completed, but the three-member committee hearing the matter is not expected to forward a recommendation to CSUS President W. Lloyd Johns for another week.

The main source of controversy appears to be whether members of the search committee changed criteria used to judge teaching candidates after the hiring process was begun.

Normally criteria are assigned values, or weights, prior to the screening of applicants at the beginning of each appointment, retention, tenure and promotion cycle in order to insure objectivity in the process.

However, according to Walsma's representative Wilma Krebs, the nursing search committee lowered the weight given to the academic preparation criterion.

This was done after candidates' applications were screened and there was a clear violation of faculty manual procedures, according to Krebs. In addition, she said the committee was overly generous in assigning points to the two candidates who were ranked ahead of Walsma, each of whom possessed a masters degree and neither of whom had taught at CSUS before.

"(The committee) knew who they wanted beforehand," Krebs contended. "So they put Nancy

down in a highly subjective area and raised others up in other areas. It was a two-way thing. It's really hard to see how they could have done what they did."

Attorney Howard Dickstein, who is also representing Walsma, agreed, claiming, "It's very clear that it was just a very subjective process and rules were changed in midstream. Different rules were applied to different candidates, some qualifications of some candidates were counted while qualifications of others were ignored. It was just pretty messy all around."

Associate Dean of business administration Ordeil Calkins, who was the university's representative at the grievance hearings discounted Krebs' and Dickstein's claims, however, saying the matter of weights has been blown out of proportion and that had the original weights been used, Walsma would still have come in third.

"The position of the division of nursing is that what had been done had been approved by the affirmative action officer and that the weights did not come within the category of change of procedure," Calkins said, adding that the weights had never been set in place to begin with and thus could not have been changed.

In any case, he said, Walsma was not qualified for the position that was advertised — that of teaching in the area of critical care. "The matter of experience can be a matter of quality as well as quantity. Just because a person has a lot of experience does not mean she is the best qualified," he said.

But Dickstein claimed that argument was just an attempt by the university to "bootstrap," or create after-the-fact, a defense. He noted university documents, particularly a memo written by university personnel officer James Waddell to Walsma which acknowledged there were "inconsistencies and subjectivity" involved in the hiring process.

Waddell said, "My letter speaks for itself. I have heard all kinds of interpretations of it. I would not blame the grievant (Walsma) and her representatives for construing it to support their position."

They're trying to win a grievance. They can interpret it any way they see fit."

Dickstein also pointed to the fact that three university administrators, including a vice president and the campus affirmative action officer, refused to sign a document approving of the way the division handled the matter. The job offer eventually had to be withdrawn by Health and Human Services Dean John Cole because of the inconsistencies, Dickstein contended.

Krebs, an economics professor, claimed that some nursing faculty saw Walsma as a possible threat to head a post-graduate program the division hopes to some day establish.

"They always hoped they could get an M.S. program authorized for CSUS," she said. "If they get one, who's going to get to head it? Probably a (someone with a) Ph.D. Well, if they could just get rid of that Ph.D. . . . You follow my train of thought."

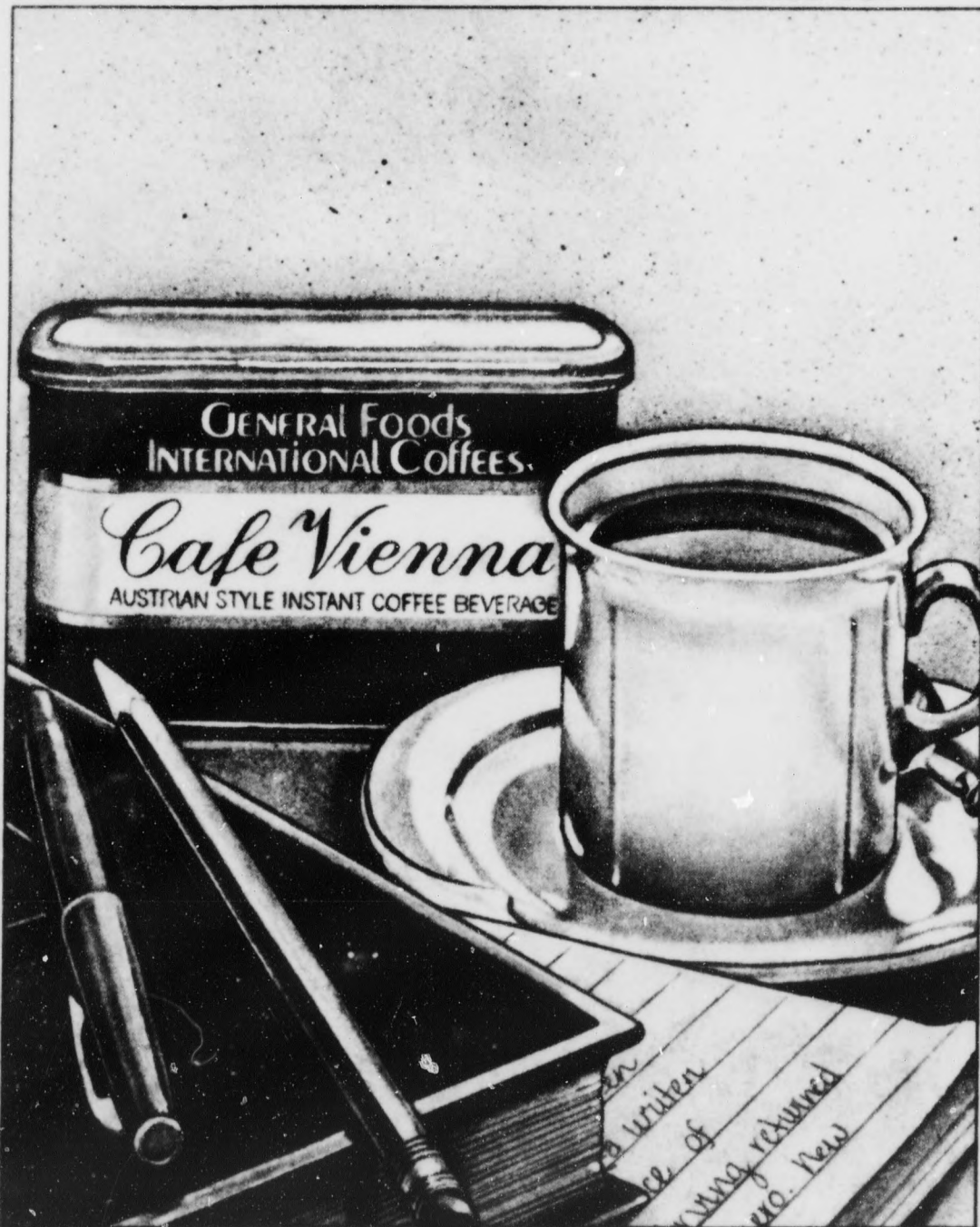
"I think there was some jealousy," Krebs continued. "Nancy was (the wife of then-Dean of Social Work Paul Walsma) and she was very into the students. Nancy had a Ph.D. and everyone else sort of got the idea from President Johns that Ph.D.s are great. So a whole bunch of them are now enrolled in a Ph.D. program."

Although Waddell denied it, Dickstein claimed the campus personnel officer and at least two other administrators actually wanted to settle the grievance informally last summer, but instead a group of nursing faculty lead by division Chair Annita Watson is forcing the university to fight the case.

"It kind of baffles me, frankly why the university doesn't see the light and resolve a bad situation in a way that is least harmful to all parties," Dickstein said. "Why force Nancy Walsma to go through this difficult and expensive process when the handwriting is on the wall?"

While Watson refused to comment on the matter, even Calkins admitted he was not optimistic about what the committee's recommendation would be. "I hope the panel does its job well and that's all I can say."

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Pat Neils who is teaching history at CSUS and Asian Civilization at American River College will be leading a 19-day tour of China this summer, June 19 to July 7. She will also be conducting an arm chair tour of China with slides and films later this month. It will feature highlights of China's exciting contemporary history as well as its scenic wonders including the dramatic landscape of Guilin (Kweilin) with its majestic pinnacles, grottoes, caves, and exotic-shaped stalactites and stalagmites. For more information call 726-2245 or write: Pat Neils, 8201 Olive Ave., Citrus Heights, CA. 95610

## In Touch

Star Alliance and Grandmothers for Peace will co-sponsor a **Good Friday blockade at Mather Air Force Base**. Anyone interested in blockading or support work should attend a meeting in the Miwok Room Wed. March 2 at 7 p.m.

Mountain Wolf Sports will be holding a **three-day backpacking trip to the Black Rock Desert in Northern Nevada** the weekend of March 26, 27 and 28. A seminar for the trip will be held Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. For more info call 454-6321

Interested in **social dancing**? Join the new Ballroom Dance Club every Thursday, 8-9:30 p.m., PE 183—learn to waltz, foxtrot, jitterbug, tango, cha-cha, disco, Charleston, country swing, and more! Beginners welcome, no partner required. Information: Bonni, 455-9092, Steve, 391-6897. See you there!

**Delta Sigma Pi**, the CSUS business fraternity is sponsoring credit card applications in the Library Quad, Feb. 28 through March 2

The **CSUS Gerontological Association** will be having its spring semester meeting on Wed. March 2 at 10 a.m. in Home Ec. room 108. Guest speaker will be Douglas A. Mitchell. All interested students, faculty are invited.

The Heart of Harmony Center is offering new **Parent Effectiveness Training** classes on Saturdays, March 12 through April 30, 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and Mondays, March 14 through May 2, 7:10 to 10:15 p.m. at the center, 816 17th St., Sacramento. For more information phone 447-5706 or 447-4349

The Student Health Center is providing a tailor-made **wellness program** for students. Services include lifestyle assessment, health information, nutritional counseling, medical appraisal, stress management, psychological counseling and community referral. For further information call 454-6416

The Visiting Scholars Committee presents **Mr. Kwaku Dadey**, "The Role of the Drum in West African Music." March 1 in the Music building, room 151 from 12-2 p.m. Mr. Dadey is a master drummer, as well as a composer, arranger, teacher and historian of the evolution of jazz

The **Latter-day Student Association** is once again sponsoring the Friday Forum Luncheon and Lecture Series. Janis Harrison will be the speaker Friday, March 4. Her topic will be "Women in American Latter-day Saint History"

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## Salaries

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\$40,000 a year.

Gillott said CSUS is equally noncompetitive with other universities that pay their engineering faculty \$7,000 to \$9,000 more than CSUS engineering faculty.

"What's worse," Gillott said, "CSUS students are graduating with a BS in engineering and getting a job in industry that pays \$10,000 more than the salaries of full professors in the department."

"I think the Legislature and the trustees will agree that there is a need for differential salaries and more promotion money for the technical disciplines. I don't think campus politics will agree however, and this may affect faculty morale on campus," Gillott said.

Alan Wade, chairman of the Academic Senate, said there has already been extreme hostility toward differential pay raises.

"I know the UC campuses offer differential salaries for schools of higher demand. We tend to be more egalitarian though," Wade said. "High technology is the wave of the future and if we're not able to keep up with the demand, we'll have to face up to reality that some people are paid more than others because of their particular field."

Wade said executive order (402) issued by the chancellor, recommending that a double step salary increase and more promotion money be given to the schools of engineering, computer science, and business administration.

The order was unanimously voted down in the Academic Senate because the chancellor was unable to allocate additional funds to support it. A total allocation of \$63,000 promotion dollars is presently anticipated for the current year. If the two-step increases were taken out of this money, other schools would suffer

at the engineering department's expense, Wade said.

"In other words, they would have to rob from Peter to pay Paul," Wade said.

Chairman of the computer science department, James W. Kho, said the computer science department is currently one of the best in the CSU system, but also suffers from retention and recruitment problems.

Attending the National Computer Science Conference in Florida last month, Kho said he was unable to recruit quality faculty.

"I had gone in the conference with lots of nice things to say about Sacramento State. I came back totally discouraged. Our salary scale is totally noncompetitive with other schools," Kho said.

While at the conference, Kho said people who were interested in employment, filled out extensive applications. "I read everyone and picked 20 that wanted to teach, come to the West Coast, and those who fulfilled the needs of this department. I was very selective," Kho said.

The computer science department presently has 20 full-time positions of which 12 are tenure track. Nine of these 12 positions have Ph.Ds in computer science, or an allied area.

Kho said the university determines how many promotions will be allocated each year.

"They are very limited. If 10 people on the campus are eligible for a promotion and the university only allocates two, then eight people lose out. If these two promotions only went to computer science, you can imagine the animosity that would create among other faculty," Kho said. "but I have people in my department that are promotional and we can't afford to lose them."

These are just a balance at the multitude of difficulties that could possibly evolve as a result of vanishing merit raises and budget cuts, Krebs said.

"There just doesn't seem to be a desirable option. The only way to solve the problem is to come up with the resources before these difficulties have a chance to begin," Krebs said.

"I personally think they ought to have a tax increase. We've had enormous cuts starting with Proposition 13. Then we eliminated the inheritance tax. We've lost a lot of revenue and now we're in a sad state," Krebs said.

"I think education is a bad place to cut. It's kind of an investment in the future and the nation. If you want decent public services, you have to pay for them. I think if people were asked if they wanted quality education, and whether or not they'd be willing to pay a one-cent sales tax increase for it, I think they would say yes. Maybe I'm wrong," Krebs said, "but I don't think so."

According to the Department of Finance, a one-cent sales tax increase could generate \$1.7 billion annually.

A Department of Finance spokesman said however, it would be very difficult to convince the Legislature that education should get the entire increase. The spokesman said the Legislature would argue that welfare recipients are in more need than faculty.

"It would be very hard to get a coalition together to support a tax increase for just one cause," the spokesman said.

Another alternative discussed among faculty is to use a portion of student fees to help provide salary adjustments.

While fees can not be used for faculty salaries, the trustees could vote to use up to \$25 of student fees for tuition.

## University Library Acquires Reading Machine For Blind



Judy Jones, right, demonstrates the library's new KRM machine which reads to the deaf to Vicky Bailey.

State Hornet Photo: Dave Purkey

DAVE PURKEY  
Staff Writer

A newly installed Kurzweil Reading Machine (KRM) that reads books and other printed material aloud to blind and visually impaired students has been acquired by the University Library, according to Judy Jones, Media Services Supervisor.

Valued at \$30,000, the KRM is made by Kurzweil Computer Products, a Xerox company, based in Cambridge, Mass. The University Library received the machine as a gift from Xerox Corp., one of 200 machines given to colleges and universities around the country.

The KRM, located on the third

floor of the library in the media services center, converts books, magazines, letters and reports, into spoken English. The system reads several hundred different styles and most sizes of type.

The KRM resembles an ordinary office copier. The user places material face down on the glass surface of the machine's desk top scanner. A separate, compact control panel is then activated by the user which causes the machine's camera to automatically locate the first line of text and begin scanning the page. Within a few seconds an electronic voice is heard reading the material.

The heart of the KRM is an "omni-font" optical character

recognition system which scans and recognizes printed characters.

A small computer within the KRM finds the lines of text on the page, recognizes the letters and groups them into words. Another computer handles pronunciation, which is accomplished through the use of a sophisticated unlimited vocabulary, speech synthesis algorithm. This program computes the correct pronunciation of each word and also adds the appropriate intonation pattern to each spoken sentence.

Thirty-eight controls allow the reader to perform many different reading functions. The reader can manipulate the KRM to speed up or slow down the reading rate, repeat the previous few lines or words, spell out words that may be obscure, announce punctuation and capitalization and mark certain words or phrases for later reference.

For blind students in science and engineering, the KRM also acts as an advanced talking calculator. With different software the machine can perform all kinds of complex logarithms, trigonometric and exponential functions and then speak the answers.

"It's considered to be the Cadillac of talking calculators," said Jones.

Jones recently returned from two days of intensive training in Cambridge in the operation of the KRM. She spent much of the training time blindfolded in order to better understand the use of the KRM by the blind. Her instructor was himself blind.

"It's due to Vicky Bailey that we have this wonderful machine," says Jones.

Jones gives credit to Bailey, a student assistant in the library, for the four months of calls, letters, research and effort in writing the grant proposal. Bailey began her efforts in November 1981, efforts that resulted in the selection of CSUS as a recipient.

"Part of my job is working with disabled students and both of my supervisors, Joyce Ball and Martha McBride, were strongly supportive of my efforts to make the library more accessible to all our patrons," said Bailey, a graduate student majoring in counselor education.

As the media services staff training is completed, the KRM, which they have named "Inga" because of its Swedish accent, will be made available to the blind students on campus as well as the estimated 3,000 students and general public in the Sacramento area with severe visual impairments.

After approximately two days of training, users will be issued cards to allow them use of the KRM during regular library hours.

As Judy Jones says, "Inga's a miracle."

## Surcharge

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students waiting until the last day to pay.

"I waited until the last day because I had hoped that something could be done to prevent it," said Dan Offield, a CSUS senior majority in psychology.

Currently legislation is pending that may supplement education cuts and a lawsuit has been filed protesting the fee.

"I didn't pay because I didn't have the money — I still don't but I'm taking some of my rent money to pay," said Ann DuBay, a junior in government.

Junior Colleen Weaver said she will have to delay her car payment to pay the \$64. Matt Gary, a junior in business, said the money was coming from his car insurance.

"They tell me I'm helping the state out of debt and I guess that's OK, but when the school threatens to drop me if I didn't pay the fee I got mad," Gary said.

"I'm not sure where all the

money goes, but higher education should be the last place they raise fees, other things should be cut first," Gary said.

Weaver also expressed dissatisfaction with the increased fees.

"The situation is way out of control, higher education should be the top priority," she said.

Fee increases are expected to jump another \$115 next semester if the current state budget plan passes. Many students are worried about their ability to keep up with the increasing costs.

"I wanted to do some graduate work but if fees continue to increase I probably won't be able to," Offield said.

"I'll have to increase my work hours, which will be difficult, but an increase won't stop me from going to school," DuBay said.

Harrison said there is "no question" that there will be a fee increase next semester, but the exact figure will not be known until July when the state Legislature

determines the budget.

Because preregistration is scheduled for May 9, the whole process of paying an additional surcharge may be repeated next semester. Last year fees were not finalized until July.

Harrison said this could be avoided by discontinuing registration or holding preregistration and pay collecting fees.

"I'd like to have the Board of Trustees and the Legislature make some kind of informal agreement now on what the increase will be," Harrison said. "That would allow the students and our office to plan for the increase."

## Wellness

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practitioner, psychologist, psychiatrist, two students, a clerical person, Bisset, and Munsell to see how the program could be incorporated into the existing health services.

Bisset said the program will use student interns from the Division of Nursing, psychology, and counseling to act as paraprofessionals under the supervision of she and Munsell. The interns will diagnose and route the patient to a particular staff person such as a counselor, doctor or nurse for further help.

A \$2,200 grant from the Hornet Foundation will enable the health center to buy a computerized weight analysis machine for the Wellness Program.

The Wellness Program is free and drop-in hours are: Tues. 11-3 p.m., Wed. 1-3 p.m., and Thurs. 3-5 p.m.

## Wheeler

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ics in his environmental geology course.

"If there is a conflicting opinion on those political issues, I'll present those to my class," he said.

When asked if he felt the call to be a political advocate, Wheeler replied that he didn't have the diplomacy to compromise in a political sense, mostly due to his religious background.

"I feel I'm in a powerful position. I influence hundreds of people

each year," he said. He said he doesn't "soap box" but encourages people to go out and lobby if they feel strongly about an issue.

Although Wheeler does very little consulting during the school year, he has been asked to investigate landslides, check potential landslide sights and verify authenticity of stones.

Taking on these consulting jobs helps Wheeler to keep up on what is going on, he said.

"It also gives me a credibility with my students." He also provides his students with a connection to jobs in the field.

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